ACT No. 591

HOUSE BILL NO. 705

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BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:81(Q)(2)(c), to provide relative to the reporting of certain
3	electronic communication between an employee at a public elementary or secondary
4	school and a student enrolled at that school; to provide relative to the manner and
5	frequency of reporting certain communication that is made or received by an
6	employee using a means other than one provided by or made available by the school
7	system; to provide guidelines; to provide applicability; to provide an effective date;
8	and to provide for related matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. R.S. 17:81(Q)(2)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
11	§81. General powers of city, parish, and other local public school boards
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15	(2) The policies, procedures, and practices required by Paragraph (1) of this
16	Subsection, at a minimum, shall:
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18	(c)(i) Specify that the occurrence of any electronic communication made by
19	an employee at a school to a student enrolled at that school or that is received by an
20	employee at a school from a student enrolled at that school using a means other than
21	one provided by or made available by the school system shall be reported by the
22	employee in a manner deemed appropriate by the school board. Records of any such
23	reported communication shall be maintained by the school board for a period of at
24	least one year.

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(ii) In providing for the manner and frequency of reporting required by this Subparagraph, the board may authorize a school principal, or his designee, to permit an employee at the school to contact one or more specifically identified students enrolled at the school and be contacted by such student or students using a means other than one provided by or made available by the school, provided the employee has requested and received permission from the principal, or his designee, to do so and has provided documentation in writing to the principal, or his designee, stating the purpose or purposes for such contact. Such purposes may include but need not be limited to necessary communications relative to extracurricular activities, student athletic activities, community-based youth activities such as scouting, and faithbased activities such as a youth group sponsored by a religious organization. Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED: ____

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA